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In the application of:

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Examiner: O. F. Sanchez

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2003.

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Our check in the amount of \$880.00 is enclosed for the filing of an RCE (\$770.00) and the fee required for a one-month extension of time (\$110.00). If it is determined that additional fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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